

Brave Blues are no let downs!

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Chesham Utd. 2, Wycombe W. 1

WYCOMBE WANDERERS, fielding a completely new team, gave a brave performance before going down to local rivals Chesham United in their final Premier Midweek Flood-light game at the Meadow on Wednesday evening.

Indeed, Wanderers put out the side which represented Flackwell Heath in the Wycombe Senior Cup Final the previous week. They were signed on two days after that victory and certainly did not let the Blues down.

United's win took them off the bottom of the League and they will therefore not have to apply for re-election next season.

However, Chesham official Mr. Denis Holmes felt their crowd had been 'conned', as they had expected to see some of Wycombe's star players in action. Wanderers had in fact announced several days previously they would be fielding a weakened side, but

too late for the Chesham newspapers to publish it.

But, despite that, they probably saw a more exciting game of football, because a full strength Wanderers would, in all probability, have slaughtered the opposition.

The men from Wycombe made up for what they lacked in skill with great enthusiasm and team spirit, and with a bit of luck could have snatched a point.

They went at United straight from the kick-off, forced a corner in the first minute and were obviously determined to run United off their feet. Keith Lane was causing problems in the home defence and both Mick Rockell and Ray Edwards

tested 'keeper Gus Leitrim.

Andy Przybylak, who looked unhappy on the hard bumpy surface, went close to opening Wycombe's account when he outjumped Robin Brookes and headed into the side netting.

Chesham opened the scoring in the 19th minute when Ken Gregory crossed from the left. The ball deflected off Rockell past Mick Parker in the visitors' goal.

Left-winger Paul Kurka, recently signed from Ernest Turners, was the most dangerous Chesham forward and his shot went just over the bar after a great run and further chances for Bobby Stevens and Bob Donaldson before the interval were wasted.

In the 48th minute Chic Saunders almost equalised when his shot appeared to go under the diving Leitrim, but the Chesham 'keeper managed to stop the ball going over the line.

Saunders was not to be denied, however. Six minutes later, when he beat his Chesham namesake Keith on the outside and then fired a left-foot shot from a narrow angle to level the scores.

Their joy was short lived when Micky Court flicked in a Gregory cross in the 65th minute, to score the deciding goal.

CHESHAM UNITED: Leitrim; Saunders, Bates, Donaldson, Brookes, Smith, Stevens, Watt, Gregory, Court, Kurka (Sub.: King 68th min.).

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: Parker; Passmore, Lay, Springell, Newell, Callaghan, Rockell, Edwards, Przybylak, Saunders, Lane. Sub: Smith (not used).